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SUBJ: PM CARAMANLIS' CAMPAIGN SPEECH RE CYPRUS

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. PM CARAMANLIS IN CAMPAIGN ADDRESS IN HERAKLION, CRETE, NOVEMBER 6, DISCUSSED CYPRUS SITUATION AT LENGTH. PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH WHICH IS RECEIVING WIDE NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE FOLLOW:

2. QTE CYPRUS HOWEVER, TODAY EXPERIENCED TRAGIC MOMENTS, WITH ITS 200,000 REFUGEES, WITH THE TURKISH INVADERS SETTLED IN ITS TERRITORY, WITH ITS ECONOMY RUINED AND WITH THE AGONY OF ALL ITS INHABITANTS FOR THE FUTURE.

FOR THIS RECENT AND CONTINUING TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS, TWO FACTORS BEAR THE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE ONE HAND, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DICTATORIAL REGIME WHICH HAD ENSLAVED GREECE, AND ON THE

OTHER, TURKEY. THE FORMER REACHED THE HEIGHT OF ITS SINS AND ITS IRRESPONSIBILITY WITH THE COUP OF THE 15TH OF JULY, WHILE TURKEY, GOVERNED BY A MILITARISTIC SPIRIT, DESTROYED ITS DELICATE FRIENDSHIP WITH GREECE IN THE NAME OF ATILA. THIS FRIENDSHIP HAD BEEN ENVISIONED AND IMPOSED, AS NECESSARY FOR THE PEACEFUL EXISTENCE AND THE PROGRESS OF THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, BY RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL MEN, GREEKS AND TURKS, WHO WANTED TO BRING TO THEIR COUNTRIES THE SPIRIT OF EUROPE. IT IS A MISFORTUNE THAT PRESENT-DAY TURKEY FORGETS THIS NECISSITY. BUT THIS IS A GREATER MISFORTUNE FOR TURKEY THAN FOR GREECE, BECAUSE NO ONE CAN DENY THE EUROPEAN CHARACTER OF GREECE. THE TURKS, HOWEVER, SO LONG AS THEY PERSIST IN THEIR ILLEGAL AND BARBAROUS BEHAVIOR, WILL PLACE THEMSELVES FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM EUROPE, WITH WHICH GREECE WAS TURKEY'S STRONGER LINK, AND NOT ONLY GEOGRAPHICALLY. PERHAPS ONE DAY, NOT IN THE VERY DISTANT FUTURE, THERE WILL BE TURKS MORE MODERATE THAN THE PRESENT GREEK-HATING ONES, WHO WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE NOT COMMITTED A CRIME AGAINST CYPRUS OR GREECE ALONE BUT HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME AGAINST THEIR OWN COUNTRY AS WELL, BY CUTTING THEIR LINKS WITH THE CIVILIZED WORLD AND VIOLATING THE PRINCIPLES OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL MORALITY.

WHETHER, HOWEVER, THE TURKS REALIZED OR NOT THEIR TRUE INTERESTS, GREECE IS OBLIGED TO PLAN AND APPLY A STABLE AND DETERMINED POLICY. IN ORDER TO FORESTALL TURKEY'S AGGRESSIVENESS, AND TO BE ABLE TO FACE THE ACUTE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS AS WELL AS TO PROCEED TO ITS DEFINITE SOLUTION, IN ORDER TO DEFEND POSITIVELY THE FIXED INTERESTS OF HELLENISM, FINALLY IN ORDER TO PROCEED UNDISTURBED FROM EXTERNAL COMPLICATIONS TO SECURING THE PROSPERITY OF ITS PEOPLE.

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YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY IN A POSITION TO APPRECIATE, BECAUSE OF YOUR EXPERIENCE IN HARD STRUGGLES, THE GRAVITY OF THE PLEDGE WHICH I MADE TO THE GREEK PEOPLE 20 DAYS AFTER I ASSUMED THE GOVERNING OF THE CONTRY: THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR CYPRUS WILL CONTINUE AND ALL THE MEANS WILL BE USED WHICH ARE DICTATED BY THE NATION'S HONOR AND INTERESTS; AND THE VALIDITY OF MY CONVICTION THAT WITH WISDOM, CONCORD AND DECISIVENESS, THE DIFFICULT TIMES OF CYPRUS WILL PASS. THE TURKS AND ALL THOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO SUPPORT THEM ARE IN ERROR IF THEY BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ACCEPT ACCOMPLISHED FACTS AND SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE NATIONALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE MULTI-FRONT STRUGGLE WHICH WE WAGE FOR CYPRUS, I CANNOT FAIL TO EMPHASIZE ONE IMPORTANT MORAL AND POLITICAL SUCCESS WHICH WE ACHIEVED THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY IN THE UNITED NATIONS. BUT EVEN

THIS
SUCCESS HAS NOT BEEN APPRECIATED TO ITS PROPER DIMENSIONS AND
IMPORTANCE
BECAUSE OF THE ELECTORAL TURMOIL.

FURTHERMORE, I AM OBLIGED ON THIS OCCASION TO
EMPHASIZE ALSO THAT THOSE WHO ATTEMPT WITH INACCURATE AND DEMAGOGIC
ASCERTATIONS TO DISPUTE THE STABILITY AND THE SINCERITY OF OUR
NATIONAL POLICY ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, DO GRAVE HARM TO THE CAUSE OF
THE ISLAND. BECAUSE ALL THEY SAY FOR PRE-ELECTORAL CONSUMPTION
DISCOURAGES THE MARTYRED PEOPLE OF CYPRUS AND
ENCOURAGES ITS ENEMIES.

ADDRESSING MYSELF FROM THE GREAT ISLAND OF CRETE
TO THE GREAT ISLAND OF CYPRUS, I FEEL THE NEED TO URGE
OUR BROTHERS THERE TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN EXAMPLE -- TO
IMITATE THE CONCORD AND UNIQUE PERSEVERANCE THAT
YOU SHOWED DURING YOUR HARD STRUGGLES. ADDRESSING MYSELF TO ALL
GREEKS ON THIS OCCASION, AFFORDED TO ME BY THE REMEMBRANCE
OF SO MANY STRUGGLES, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR UNITY
AND A SPIRIT RISING ABOVE MERE POLITICS IN HANDLING OUR NATIONAL
AFFAIRS.

AS I SAID IN THESSALONIKI, THE THREE FACETS OF OUR
FOREIGN POLICY, WITH CYPRUS AS ITS FOCAL POINT,
ARE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, THE SECURITY OF THE
COUNTRY, AND NATIONAL DIGNITY. TO SECURE ALL
THESE, THERE MUST BE A STRONG ARMY, NATIONAL UNITY,
AND A POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ABLE TO SOLIDIFY
THIS UNITY. UNQTE.
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